

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) An automatic cycle storage system comprising:

- a plurality of cycles [(1)], each of which carries a blocking device [(8)] and an electronic circuit [(14)];

- at least one cycle storage area [(7)] serving to receive the cycles [(1)] while they are not being used; and

- at least one control device [(2; 22)] adapted to authorize, selectively, cycles [(1)] to be borrowed from the storage area [(7)];

~~said system being characterized in that~~ wherein the blocking device [(8)] of each cycle is mounted to move between firstly a blocking position in which the blocking device blocks at least one moving member [(1c)] of the cycle so as to prevent the cycle from being used normally, and secondly a releasing position in which the blocking device does not interfere with said moving member and makes it possible for the cycle to be used normally;

~~in that~~ wherein the control device [(2)] is provided with a first short-range wireless communications interface [(12)], said first communications interface [(12)] being stationary and having range limited substantially to the storage area;

~~in that~~ wherein each cycle [(1)] is provided with second short-range wireless communications means [(13)] adapted to communicate with the first communications interface [(12)], said second communications interface being connected to the electronic circuit [(14)] of the cycle;

~~in that~~ wherein the cycle includes an electrical lock device [(15)] controlled by the electronic circuit [(14)] of the cycle and adapted to lock the blocking device [(8)] in the blocking position;

and ~~in that~~ wherein the control device [(2)] is adapted to control the blocking device [(8)] of each cycle via the first communications interface [(12)] and via the second communications interface [(13)] of said cycle.

2. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 1, in which each cycle [(1)] has a frame [(1a)] which carries handlebars [(1d)] connected via a fork [(1c)] to a front wheel [(1e)], and the blocking device [(8)] comprises a bracket mounted to pivot on the frame [(1a)], said bracket being provided with a U-shaped recess and being adapted to come to engage over the fork [(1c)] of the cycle, thereby blocking said fork, when the blocking device [(8)] is in the blocking position.

3. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, in which the control device [(2)] includes interfaces [(3, 4, 5, 6)] adapted to enable a user to cause a cycle [(1)] stored in the storage area [(7)] to be unlocked.

4. (Currently amended) A system according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising a server [(11)] adapted to communicate with a radiotelephone [(23)] belonging to a user, said server communicating with the control device [(2)] and being adapted to cause a cycle [(1)] in the storage area [(7)] to be unlocked by said control device as a function of information received by the radiotelephone of the user.

5. (Currently amended) A system according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which each cycle [(1)] is provided with indicator means [(16)] adapted to indicate that the electrical lock device [(15)] is unlocked.

6. (Currently amended) A system according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which the first and second communications interfaces [(12, 13)] are adapted to communicate with each other by radio.

7. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 6, in which the first and second communications interfaces [(12, 13)] are adapted to communicate with each other using a short-range radio-communications protocol chosen from the Bluetooth, WiFi, and DECT protocols.